

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to May 23, 2005 & Jul. 11, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date Sept. 02, 2003
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☒ Other _____

7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment:

Claim # 21, lines 11-12, change "the card housing" ----a card housing----

Karen A. Fitzsimmons, attorney for Applicant agreed to this amendment during the telephonic interview on July 7, 2005. The Interview summary has been filed on Jul. 11, 2005.

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

(i) In view of the abandonment of Application No. 09/815161, the double-patenting rejection is withdrawn.

(ii) This invention relates to a splitter assembly for a telecommunication device for splitting telecommunication signals. Claim 21 identifies the uniquely distinct feature of the telecommunication device comprising: a chassis including a housing having opposing first and second walls and also including front and back ends; a circuit board positioned at the back end of the housing, the circuit board including a front face that faces toward the front end of the housing, the circuit board also including a first portion that extends beyond the first wall of the housing; a plurality of splitter devices positioned within the housing; telecommunications connectors mechanically coupled to the front face of the circuit board at the first portion of the circuit board; and cable management structure located at an outer surface of the first wall of the card housing. As such, claim 21 requires a circuit board having a first portion extending beyond a wall of the housing and having telecommunications connectors connected to the front face of the circuit board. While the closest prior art, Sinclair; III et al [US 20020118820 A1], Guenther et al [US 6,438,226 B1], and Stabler et al [6,136,866] each teach a splitter assembly; Sinclair; III using a high density digital subscriber line splitter, Guenther et al using a main distribution frame, and Stabler et al using indoor XDSL splitter assembly; none of them suggest or teach requiring a circuit board having a first portion extending beyond a wall of the housing and having telecommunications connectors connected to the front face of the circuit board. As such, the prior art, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious. Therefore, claim 21 is allowable.

Claims 1, 12 and 29 are essentially similar to claim 21 and hence they are allowable.

Claims 2-11 being dependent on claim 1, claims 13-20 being dependent on claim 12, claims 22-28 being dependent on claim 21 and claims 30-32 being dependent on claim 29 are allowable.

9. Other:

The claims have been re-numbered as follows:

CLAIMS NUMBER (ORIGINAL)	CLAIMS NUMBER (FINAL)
1-32	1-32

Claim no. 1 along with figure number 3 will be published in the Official Gazette.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Allowance".


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